

application(s). If the application as originally filed includes a proper incorporation by reference of the prior application(s), an omitted specification page(s) and/or drawing figure(s) identified in a "Notice of Omitted Item(s)" may be added by amendment provided the omitted item(s) contains only subject matter in common with such prior application(s). In such case, applicant need not respond to the "Notice of Omitted Item(s)." Applicant should submit the amendment adding the omitted material prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application. (Emphasis added)

The Applicant properly incorporated the parent application by reference on p. 1, lines 2-5 of the present specification. In addition, the parent application contained the subject matter of Figure 25. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment act to add Figure 25 to this divisional application. Also, as instructed by the MPEP, the Applicant does not intend to respond to the "Notice of Omitted Items" dated February 4, 2002.

Applicant believes the claims are patentable over the prior art, and that this case is now in condition for allowance of all claims therein. Such action is thus respectfully requested. If the Examiner disagrees, or believes for any other reason that direct contact with Applicants' attorney would advance the prosecution of the case to finality, she is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

"Recognizing that Internet communications are not secured, I hereby authorize the PTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file."

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